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ANZ announces Win a Part in WICKED winner

After four weeks of auditions which saw hundreds of fans compete for a role in the *thrillifying* stage show WICKED, ANZ, the Official Bank of Oz, today announced Henry Brett (17) as the lucky winner of ANZ's Win a Part in WICKED competition.

A year 12 student from Flinders in Victoria, Mr Brett beat close to 500 other entrants from across Australia and will receive a walk-on role in the Friday 17 July 2009 performance at the Regent Theatre.

Mr. Brett, who is studying music and drama as part of his VCE, said that he was thrilled with the opportunity to appear alongside some of the best names in the business.

Mr. Brett said: "When I was told that I'd won the role in WICKED I was absolutely speechless – I've always wanted to be involved in musical theatre but I never really believed it could become a reality.

"The chance to be part of one of the most successful Broadway musicals is a once in a lifetime opportunity and it will be an experience I'll remember forever," Mr Brett said.

The auditions were judged by key members of the WICKED cast, including Amanda Harrison, who plays 'Elphaba' the smart, fiery and misunderstood 'Wicked' witch, Lucy Durack, cast as the beautiful, ambitious and very popular 'Glinda the Good' witch, Rob Mills who plays the party-loving 'Fiyero' and Kellie Dickerson, Music Director WICKED Australia.

Ms Dickerson said: "Henry's audition showed a strong understanding of his character (Fiyero) and showed that he has the potential to have a great future in musical theatre. We are really excited to have him join us on 17 July as part of WICKED's last month in Melbourne."

ANZ Managing Director, Strategy and Marketing, David Lindberg said the competition had been a great success and demonstrated the strong support that WICKED had received during its premiere season in Melbourne.

"ANZ has been inspired by the talented and creative entries of Australia's budding performers. As a company that supports arts and culture in a number of our sponsorships, it was great to see such strength in the auditions," Mr Lindberg said.

Mr Brett will appear in the ANZ Win a Part in WICKED performance on Friday 17 July 2009 at the Regent Theatre in Melbourne.

To view some of the auditions received in the competition visit www.anzwicked.com.

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